

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

☐ PHONE CALL ☐ DISCUSSION ☐ FIELD TRIP ☐ CONFERENCE
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) *file* *Scott Paper Everett*

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TO: (b) (6)
home (b) (6)
Everett, WA work (b) (6)

FROM:
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DATE
1-18-83
TIME 9:00 AM

SUBJECT
Alleged Health Problems and Improper Dumping/Burning of Chemical Waste: Scott Paper CO.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

(b) (6) is (b) (6) employee of Scott Paper Co in Everett. I phoned him at the request of Neil Thompson of Seattle EPA, who had been contacted by (b) (6) on the previous day. His concerns are twofold, and include both health effects and dumping practices.

(b) (6) has worked for Scott for the past 1^{(b) (6)} years. On (b) (6) 1981, (b) (6) began having problems which he likens to mild heart attacks. His chest begins twitching and pulsing, followed by severe pain. He went to a physician who checked his heart and found nothing. The doctor suggested he go to a psychiatrist, which (b) (6) promptly did. The psychiatrist was not able to stop the symptoms, so (b) (6) kept on going to different physicians. His current doctor is a Dr. Reichman in Everett. Apparently, another employee (b) (6) is having the same sorts of problems with chest pain. NIOSH and OSHA (Arv Apol) have been involved with the situation, and are slated to take some air sampling tests in February. Dr. Steve Helgerson, and epidemiologist with DSHS, has done some interviews with Scott employees, and apparently has talked to about 28 of the 31 workers who are on swing shift status like (b) (6) is. (b) (6) indicated that he thought that 5 or 6 of these employees also complained of chest pains like his. Also, DOE has apparently recently inspected the Scott Plant for hazardous waste practices, and has pronounced it to be A-OK. This finding was written up in the newsletter for the company, the January 13 edition of the "Scott Washingtonian". But (b) (6) indicates that on several occasions barrels of chemical solution have been poured down a large pipe that empties directly into the Bay.

Other disposal related concern centers on the burning of "hog fuel". (b) (6) indicated to both Neil Thompson and myself that Scott on several occasions has allowed various other industries to dump waste oil and other chemical waste on the hog fuel pile prior to burning. Burlington Northern has allegedly done this rather frequently. Also large quantities of xylene are used in the mill to wash down the "felts". The xylene is thought to be dumped and burned in this manner?

I indicated that we would be interested from the standpoint of disposal of waste, and that I would refer the matter to our RCRA people. As for health effects, I would suggest that this be left up to the discretion of Steve Helgerson and the private physicians involved.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED

~~XXX~~ EPA look over from RCRA standpoint (FEIGNER)
EPA confer with DOE re water disposal
EPA air be aware of situation (~~GAULDING~~)

Action or followup as RCRA group feels appropriate

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